

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title and Form Numbers:* Application for Conversion, VA Form 29-0152.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0149.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The form is used by the insured to convert to a permanent plan of insurance. The information collected is used by VA to initiate the processing of the insured's request to convert his/her insurance.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,125 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,500.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0011]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 1998.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0011."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application for Reinstatement, VA Form 29-352.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0011.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The form is used to apply for reinstatement of insurance and/or Total Disability Income Provision that has lapsed for more than six months. The information is used to establish eligibility of the applicant for the purpose of reinstatement.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 9, 1998 at page 17486.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0011" in any correspondence.

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By direction of the Secretary:

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0020]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATE:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 1998.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0020."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Designation of Beneficiary, VA Form 29-336.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0020.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The form is used by the insured to designate a beneficiary and select an optional settlement to be used when the insurance matures by death. The information is used by VA to determine who is eligible to receive the proceeds of the insurance.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 24, 1998 at page 14177.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 13,917 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 83,500.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any